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LOK SABHA

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LEGISLATION TO REDUCE GOVERNMENT CONTROL ON CO OPERATIVE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to take legislative measures to reduce Government control on Co-operatives strengthen them to face competition from private sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the said legislative measures are likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. After considering the report of Choudhury Brahm PerkashCommittee, recommending inter alia, a Model Co-operatives Act, for the guidance of the State Governments to restore the autonomy and democratic management of co- operatives, it was decided, to give a lead to the State Governments, to replace the exiting Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 1984 by a new legislation on the lines of the Model Co-operatives Act. Accordingly, the Multi-State Co-operativeSocieties Bill, 2000 for replacing the Multi-State Co-operative Societies Act, 1984, has beenintroduced in Lok Sabha on 24th November, 2000. The Bill is pending for consideration and passing by the House. The objective of the Bill is to remove the so identified restrictive provisions in the existing Multi-State Co-operative Societies Act, 1984, andto provide full functional autonomy and democratic management of the Multi-State Co- operative Societies and to infuse professionalisation in the management of these institutions to face the challenges of the open and competitive market economy.